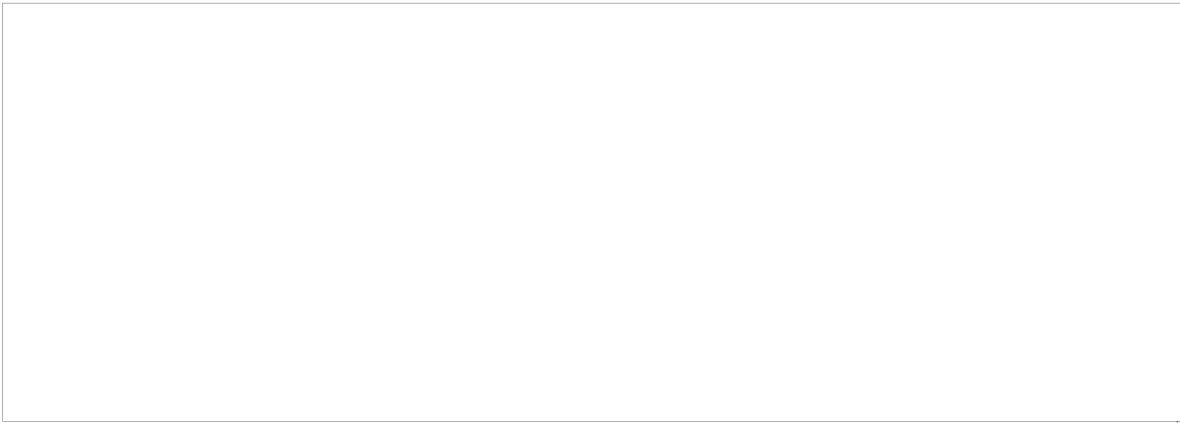


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The scientific medical council of the Ministry of Public Health of the USSR dealt with the activity of the All-Union Society of Microbiologists, Epidemiologists, and Specialists in Infectious Diseases imeni Mechnikov. Prof. A.Ya.Alymov presented the report. He stated that ~~the Society~~ approximately 25 per cent of the microbiologists, epidemiologists, and infectious disease specialists ~~in the country~~ of the country belong to the Society.

In 1951, 12 basic topics were discussed. The most important ones were "The Teachings of Pavlov in Epidemiology and Microbiology", "Sanitary and Hygiene Measures in New Construction Projects", "The System of Measures for the Prevention of Intestinal Diseases", and others. The administration recommended to the affiliates to work out these topics concretely on the spot. In one of the meetings a report was presented on the work of the Leningrad ~~branch~~ branch.

Prof. Alymov admitted that the liaison with the affiliates was carried out by correspondence and that the supervision of their work by the ~~administration~~ ^{administration} was inadequate. In 1951, only 15 affiliates accounted for their activities to the administration, while even the Moscow and Leningrad branches did not submit a report, ~~the~~ ^{lack}

They listed a number of serious deficiencies in the work: ~~absence~~ ^{lack} of the due attention to the ideological-political education of the members of the Society, breaking away from the All-Union Society ^{for the propagation} ~~in the spreading~~ of political and scientific knowledge, absence of joint meetings with allied scientific societies, etc.

Prof. V.D. Solov'yev of the commission for inspection of Society activities spoke. He gave a satisfactory estimate of the organizing work and found that the organs of the public health ~~authorities~~ ^{received} had ~~been of~~ positive help. He considered it intolerable that the Society did not review books on microbiology and epidemiology. It was essential, he stated, to strengthen the supervision of the affiliates and to call ^{plenary} ~~plenary~~ meetings of the administration; ~~no~~ ^{not one} such meeting had taken place during the period covered by the report.

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At the same session, Prof. B.G. Yegorov reported on the All-Union Society of Neurosurgeons. This young scientific society is under the direction of a temporary administration, chosen in 1948.

At present, the Society has a number of affiliates and approximately 20 neuro-surgical sections in various cities of the USSR. The Society has held two plenary sessions. At those, the question of injecting the ideas of I.P. Pavlov into neuro-surgery was discussed ^{extensively} briefly. The anti-Pavlov theories, in particular the use of lobectomy, were dealt with severely. A large portion of the work of the plenary sessions was devoted to the training of neurosurgical cadres. ^{namely - and - the work}

Co-reporter

^ Prof. V.D. Golovanov stated that the most important aspect of the work of the Society should be the complete exposure of bourgeois theories in neurosurgery.

Remarking on the inadequacy of the information of the administration of the Society about the activities of the affiliates, the ^{co-reporter} ~~speaker~~ pointed out that it was ^[for the latter] essential to have very close contact with the Institute of Neurosurgery. An organizational-methodological sector should be created at the Institute to establish connection with the periphery [sic]. Such co-operation between the Institute and the Society should be fruitful.

The co-reporter further mentioned a number of shortcomings: the low level of ideological-political work, the inactivity of many members of the administration, etc.

In the ^{lively} ~~renewed~~ debates on the report, Professors V.S. Levit, N.N. Priorov, ~~in~~ L.A. Koreysa, V.I. Kazanskiy, and others took part.

Prof. V.I. Kazanskiy's ~~claim~~ stirred up a big debate with his claim, that the independent existence of the Society of Neurosurgeons was impracticable, and would lead to a break between this branch of surgery and general surgery. The majority tended toward the opinion, that the existence of ^{specialized branch societies} a separate Society is fully justified, but that there ought to be more liaison between allied institutions.

Prof. B.A. Petrov attracted the attention of the neurosurgeons to the problem of the closed trauma of the skull, stating that no serious work ^{scientific} was being done in this field. ~~Prof~~

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Prof. ~~xxx~~ L.A. Koreysha spoke about the necessity of the combined solving ^{of the} problems of trauma by the forces of three societies, ~~the~~ of the surgeons, the neurosurgeons, and the psychiatrists.

The Scientific Medical Council gave a satisfactory estimate on the activities of both Societies. In the decisions taken, it pointed out the necessity of intensifying the ideological-political work, spreading propaganda of medical knowledge through the All-Union ^{Society} ~~Institute~~ for the ^{propagation} ~~spreading~~ of Political and Scientific Knowledge, the strengthening of ~~strengthening~~ the directing of the affiliates, and the establishing of close contact with allied institutions.

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